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Affordable housing meets local needs

A new housing development on the Gold Coast has helped 27 local families and singles find an affordable place to call home.

Kamala Apartments will be officially opened by Senator for Queensland Mark Furner and Member for Broadwater Peta-Kaye Croft on Tuesday 19 July.

The 27 units, developed by Churches of Christ Care in association with the Queensland State Government, provide affordable rental accommodation for people on the Gold Coast.

Director of Churches of Christ Care David Swain said the units meet a vital community need.

"We all know housing is a big issue in today's society, especially housing that is affordable for people on low to medium incomes. These units fill a gap on the Gold Coast by enabling people to live in new accommodation that meets their needs in an area they want to live in.

"Tenants have moved into all of the units and they have been giving us some great feedback on how appreciative they are to be able to live in these newly built units, which are close to public transport and community services.

Churches of Christ Care is a not-for-profit provider of community housing in Queensland with over 600 tenancies under management through its service, Care Housing.

Mr Swain said Churches of Christ Care shares the Queensland Government's commitment to improving housing affordability and providing a wide range of housing choices for Queenslanders.

"Churches of Christ Care work closely with the Department of Communities and councils when planning and developing new projects, so that we can be sure we are offering the best solution for the local area," Mr Swain said.

"Affordable housing is vital for the community and those who are struggling with the rising costs of living."

Kamala Apartments was funded by the Australian Government's Nation Building - Economic Stimulus Plan.

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Photo opportunity

What: Official opening of Kamala Apartments
When: Tuesday 19 July 10.30am
Where: 5-11 Hunter Ave, Labrador
Who: Senator Mark Furner, Peta-Kaye Croft MP, Dean Phelan, Executive Director, Churches of Christ in Queensland, David Swain, Director of Churches of Christ Care

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About Churches of Christ Care

Established in 1930, today Churches of Christ Care is the largest, most diverse not-for-profit organisation in Australia.

Churches of Christ Care, a division of Churches of Christ in Queensland, provides a range of care services to vulnerable persons at different stages of their life journey.

Churches of Christ Care is active in the areas of early childhood services, child protection, community and affordable housing, retirement living, community aged care, and residential aged care. We operate more than 140 services throughout Queensland and Melbourne, Victoria with the support of more than 3,000 staff and over 700 volunteers.

Services provided by Churches of Christ Care are funded by a mix of government subsidies, grants, fees and charges for our services such as early childhood services and residential aged care, and through fundraising activities.

Our services are offered to all those in need regardless of religious background. Churches of Christ Care is built on a foundation of Christian values, commitment to quality care, and trust and respect for clients and the community.